(d) whether officials at the lower levels with trade fair expertise are restricted from travel;

(e) what steps are being taken to ensure that ITPO management is not solely foreign tour oriented; and

(f) the details of any instances during the past two years where innovation and fresh initiatives have been taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. A number of steps like increasing the working hours, strict control on staff strength and expenditure in line with Government policy, rationalisation of staff strength through a Voluntary Retirement Scheme etc. have been taken to tone up the functioning of the ITPO.

(c) to (e) No, Sir. Guidelines exist for determining the strength of the teams and the number of mandays that these teams can spend in foreign fairs. Foreign tours of all ITPO officials are regulated as per these guidelines. Officials at the lower level including Investigators, who rank equivalent to Assistants, are also deputed abroad in connection with fairs and exhibitions. ITPO is not solely foreign tour oriented. Holding fairs and exhibitions abroad is only one of the functions of ITPO which organises fairs in India and conducts other trade promotion activities like buyer-seller meets, contact programmes etc. It also provides trade information.

(f) ITPO has come up with the concept of self-financing fairs. During 1992-93, eight such fairs were organised and 10 to 15 such fairs are also planned in 1993-94.

Trade between India and China

3169. DR. SANJAYA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India-China Joint Business Council has recently decided to double the bilateral trade to nearly US $ 700 million in the next 2-3 years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) In the recent India-China Joint Business Council meeting held in Beijing, it was agreed that they will strive to double the bilateral trade in the next 2-3 years. For this purpose they have agreed to make the following efforts:

(i) identification of items which can be exchanged between the two countries, but presently being imported by either country from other sources;

(ii) to participate in the trade fairs held in either country;

(iii) periodic exchange of sectoral specific delegations and;

(iv) establishment of Joint ventures.

निर्यातोन्मुखी औद्योगिक पार्क योजना को लागू किया जाना

3170. **श्री वीरेन जे० शाह :**

श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने देश के विभिन्न अंचलों में निर्यात को बढ़ावा देने के लिये निर्यातोन्मुखी औद्योगिक पार्क योजना लागू करने का निश्चय किया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस योजना की रूपरेखा क्या है;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि सरकार ने गत दशकों में निर्यात को बढ़ावा देने के लिये निर्यात प्रसंस्करण क्षेत्रों का निर्माण किया था ;

(घ) क्या इन क्षेत्रों के अन्तर्गत स्थापित औद्योगिक एककों के कार्यकरण की समय-समय पर समीक्षा की गयी है ;

(ङ) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि इन एककों का कार्यकरण सन्तोषजनक नहीं है ; और

(च) यदि हां, तो निर्यातोन्मुखी औद्योगिक पार्क योजना के अन्तर्गत स्थापित इन एककों में पायी जाने वाले खामियों को दूर करने के लिये क्या प्रयत्न किये जा रहे है ?

नागरिक आपूर्ति उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री कमालुद्दीन अहमद) : (क) (ख) ग और (च) जी, हां । उपयुक्त अवस्थापनापुरक सुविधाओं की स्थापना तथा उनके रख-रखाव के लिए राज्य सरकारों से वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करने हेतु राज्य सरकारों के परामर्श से एक केन्द्रीकृत प्रायोजित "एक्सपोर्ट प्रोमोशन इंटस्ट्रियल पार्क" स्कीम तैयार की गई है । योजना आयोग द्वारा इस स्कीम को

अनुमोदन कर दिए जाने के बाद स्कीम के ब्यौरे तैयार करके उन्हें अधिसूचित किया जाएगा ।

(ग) और (घ) जी, हां ।

(ङ) जी, नहीं । हालांकि कुछेक जोन-एककों का कार्य-निष्पादन हो सकता है, संतोषजनक नहीं किन्तु निर्यात संसाधन जोनों से होने वाले निर्यातों में सामान्यतः उत्साहजनक वृद्धि दिखाई देती है ।

Decline in the rate of export

3171. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India's exports during the first two months of current financial year registered a 29.6 per cent growth in dollar terms over the level in the corresponding months of the previous year ; if so, the details thereof ;

(b) whether according to government if the present trend continues, the country may exceed the target of 20 per cent export growth in dollar terms during 1993-94 ;

(c) if so, in what special terms the Government propose to achieve such a goal ;

(d) whether Government are aware that there has been a consistant fall in the dollar receipts from exports during April-May of the last three years ; and

(e) what are the details for April-May 1990 ; April-May 1992 the reasons for such a continued fall ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir. Exports during April-May, 1993 are provisionally estimated at US $ 3458.58 million as against US $ 2666.83 million during April-May 1992 registering a growth of 29.69%.

(b) Export during the first quarter of 1993-94 have registered a growth of 27.76% in US dollar terms. If the present trend continues, the target is likely to be achieved.

(c) The Government have taken major steps for liberalisation of trade which include provisions such as, exports linked imports, reduction of import licensing, strengthening export incentives, removal of procedural irritants through simplification of policy and procedure and pruning of negative list of exports. In the 93-94 Budget, the system of market determined unified exchange rate has been introduced, customs and excise duties reduced on raw materials and capital goods and interest rate on rupee export credit has been reduced. Besides, 34 commodities have been identified as Extreme Focus Sectors for a special export thrust abroad. The EXIM Policy 92—97 has been amended to include a scheme of export oriented units for agriculture and allied products. The State Governments are also being involved in export promotion efforts.

(d) and (e) The value of exports during the period April-May 1990 to April-May 1993 in US $ terms are given below :

(In US $ Million)

April-May	Value of Exports
1990-91	2931.44
1991-92	2827.93
1992-93	2666.83
1993-94	3458.58

There was a decline in exports during April-May 91 & April-May 92 compared to April-May-90. However, there is increase in exports in April-May 93, compared to all the previous three years.

The decline in exports in April-May, 91 & April-May 92 was due primarily to a fall in exports to former RPA countries.

EPZ Near Bangalore

3172. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Centre had earlier rejected a proposal from the government of Karnataka for establishment of Export Processing Zone near Bangalore and if so, the reasons therefor ;

(b) whether the Centre would reconsider its stance in regard to accord of approval for an EPZ near Bangalore, in view of the excellent potential that Bangalore offers for exports ; and

(c) whether the Centre would expedite its decision so as to enable the State Government to modify the Export Oriented Industrial Zone project already under implementation to a fullfledged EPZ ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (c) Government had received a proposal to develop as an EPZ an Industrial Zone being established by the State Govt. at Whitefield, near Bangalore. Keeping in mind the availability of